

EDENTON-CHOWAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, October 3, 2011, 6:30 pm
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2011, 6:30 pm, Central Office Conference room with the following members present: Chairman Ricky Browder, John Guard, Gil Burroughs, Jean Bunch, Win Dale, Kay Wright, and Gene Jordan. Others present were: Superintendent Allan Smith, Michelle Maddox, Linda Layton, Ben Layton, Stacy Leggett, Audrey Bunch, Becky Bunch, Hackney High, and Harriet Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ricky Browder. The invocation was given by Ricky Browder.

PUBLIC/BOARD DIALOGUE: None.

REPORT:

1. **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Grant.** Stacy Leggett provided an overview of the Golden Leaf Grant (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) that Chowan and Perquimans counties received. The grant is for \$550,000 between the two school systems and will run through 2014. The grant will target grades 4 – 9 to improve math and science proficiency. Short term goals of the grant are to increase enrollment in Algebra I for middle school students and upper level math and science, increase percentage proficiency in math and science, increase the use of inquiry-based learning in lessons, and increase student interest and teacher awareness in STEM careers. Teachers will receive differentiated professional development, work-based learning experiences connected to emerging careers for this region, instructional support in the classroom, STEM enrichment activities for students on-site and off-site, curriculum alignment opportunities within schools and across schools, and increased access to content-specific technology through mobile devices.
2. **No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Waiver Requirements for States.** Dr. Smith reported on President's Obama's initiative that would allow states to apply voluntarily for waivers for portions of the NCLB requirements. To receive flexibility with the waivers of NCLB requirements, a State must develop a rigorous and comprehensive plan addressing four critical areas that are designed to improve education for all students. The four areas are: (1) Transition to College-and Career-Ready Standards and Assessments, (2) State-Developed Differentiated Recognition, Accountability, and Support, (3) Supporting Effective Instruction and Leadership, and (4) Reducing Duplication and Unnecessary Burden. The timeline for requests to be submitted is either November 14, 2011

for a December peer review or mid-February, 2012 for a spring 2012 peer review. North Carolina plans to submit their request to meet the November 14, 2011 deadline. **(Attachment #1)**

3. **October 17, 2011 Quarterly Board of Education Meeting.** The Board will hold its Quarterly meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011, 6:30 pm. Dr. Smith will notify the Board with the location. Each of the schools will present their School Improvement Plan. Also on the agenda the Board will review options for Energy Performance Contracting.

CONSIDER:

1. **FEMA Resolution.** A motion was made by Gil Burroughs, seconded by Gene Jordan to approve the FEMA Resolution that will allow the school system to apply for and receive federal hurricane assistance. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #2)**
2. **Policy 5300 Retention, Career Status, and Non-renewal.** Michelle Maddox presented Policy 5300 for its second reading. There were no additional changes to the policy from last month. A motion was made by Win Dale, seconded by Gil Burroughs to approve changes to Policy 5300. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #3)**
3. **Policy 5350 Evaluation and Improvement Plans.** Michelle Maddox presented Policy 5350 for its second reading. There were no additional changes to the policy from last month. A motion was made by Jean Bunch, seconded by John Guard to approve Policy 5350. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #4)**
4. **Board of Education Policy Manual Revision.** Dr. Allan Smith made a recommendation to contract with Jonathan Blumberg of Tharrington Smith to revise the Board policy manual. The last board policy manual revision was in 2004. Dr. Smith proposed that Mr. Blumberg and his staff review our manual to see if any policies need to be added, deleted, or modified based on existing law and State Board action. Dr. Smith also recommended that two Board members be assigned to each section of the Policy Manual to determine if our policies are still appropriate and make recommendations to the full Board. A motion was made by Gene Jordan, seconded by John Guard to authorize the superintendent to contract with Jonathan Blumberg of Tharrington Smith for the purpose of revising our Board Policy Manual. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #5)**
5. **Resolution of Appreciation.** A motion was made by Kay Wright, seconded by Jean Bunch to recognize Dr. Smith with a Resolution of Appreciation for his work to the youth of Chowan County and for the work that he has done to make education the priority for all students. The Board also declared October 11, 2011

as Superintendent Appreciation Day in Edenton-Chowan Schools. The motion passed unanimously. **(Attachment #6)**

APPROVE:

A motion was made by Win Dale, seconded by Gil Burroughs to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Minutes
2. Personnel **(Attachment #7)**
3. Financial Report **(Attachment #8)**

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS/REMARKS:

Gil Burroughs updated the Board on the recycling project at D.F. Walker Elementary School. He hopes to gather data for a month to see how much the savings will be for recycling.

Mr. Burroughs has visited the schools frequently over the past several months and observed the vast differences in physical size of the students in the elementary schools. He commented that it was difficult for him to see how students are expected to perform academically at the same level.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricky Browder, Chairman

Allan T. Smith, Secretary